

In the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

The device has a carrier and an electric element. The carrier has a first and an opposed side and is provided with ~~an~~a connection layer, an intermediate layer and contact pads. The element is present at the first side and coupled to the connection layer. ~~It~~ The element is at least partially encapsulated by an encapsulation that extends into isolation areas between patterns in the intermediate layer. A protective layer is present at the second side of the carrier, which covers an interface between the contact pads and the intermediate layer.